GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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REVISION IN OIL PRICES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the oil marketing companies have sought another upward revision in the prices of petroleum products due to increase in the international oil prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the decision taken by the Government thereon ; and

(d) the extent to which it is likely to help the oil companies to overcome the losses?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.326 by Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia and Shri Rayapati Sambasiva Rao to be answered on 6th September, 2007 regarding revision in oil prices.

(a)to(d): Yes, Sir. The Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have sought increase in the prices of sensitive petroleum products namely, petrol, diesel, PDS kerosene and domestic LPG due to increase in the international oil prices of these products. The average price of Indian Basket of crude oil during 2007-08 (up to August) has increased to US $68.34 per bbl compared to US $62.46 during 2006-07. At the current level of international prices effective 16.8.2007, the OMCs have requested for increase in the retail selling prices of sensitive petroleum products at Delhi as follows:

Product	Increase
Petrol	Rs. per litre 2.90
Diesel	Rs. per litre 4.68
PDS Kerosene	Rs. per litre 15.47
Domestic LPG	Rs. per cylinder 174.75

Government has been taking all possible measures to ensure that there is no hardship to the common man.The Government has adopted the principle of equitable burden sharing amongst three stakeholders, namely, the Government, the PSU oil companies and the consumers to protect the interest of common man and vulnerable sections of society. The Government is closely monitoring the international oil prices and will continue to protect the interests of consumers.